GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3890
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BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR HASTSHILP VIKAS YOJANA
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have undertaken any study of handicrafts clusters in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana has been helpful to the artisans;

(d) the number of artisans benefited under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to make the procedure simplified to get financial assistance by the artisans from the financial institutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The following studies have been undertaken of handicrafts clusters in the country.

(i) Diagnostic studies of 5 craft cluster in Sikkim, Leh, Jodhpur, Puri and Baster were undertaken by M/s ICA Domus Trust, New Delhi during 2000-2001

(ii) An assessment evaluation and values chain analysis of six cluster namely Delhi, Villupuram (Andhra Pradesh) Chittor (Andhra Pradesh) Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh) Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) and Barmer (Rajasthan) was assigned to M/s H.S.M. Managena Concepts Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi during 2002-03.

(iii) A study on evaluation of Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) was entrusted to M/s National Productivity council, New Delhi during 2002-03.

(iv) M/s Micro Credit Rating International Ltd., Gurgoan was also entrusted a study for micro finance strategy of AHVY during 2003-2004.

(c): The AHVY scheme was launched during 2000-2001 with the aim to develop selected clusters in the country for sustainable development. Nearly 278 artisans cluster have been identified for the purpose, which shall be developed in a sustained manner during a period of 3 to 5 years. None of the projects has been completed yet, however the artisans are getting benefited through this scheme both in terms of backward and forward linkages.

(d): The number of artisans benefited under AHVY during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise is as per Statement attached.

(e): Government has formulated Artisans Credit Card Scheme to provide timely and hassle free credit facilities to artisans in the country. This scheme has been approved by Reserve Bank of India and Indian Bank Association (IBA) has circulated the same to its members banks for adoption and implementation.

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3890 for answer on 22.8.2003.

STATEMENT SHOWING STATE-WISE NUMBER OF ARTISANS BENEFITED UNDER AMBEDKAR HASTSHILP VIKAS Y (AHVY) DURING 2001-02, 2002-03 & 2003-04.

Sl.No.	State	No. of Artisans benefited		
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Uttar Pradesh	5305	5705	5705

2. Uttaranchal 2092 3542 3542

3. Chatisgarh 1869 - 1869

4. Jharkhand 250 1300 1300

5. Gujarat 3016 144 -
6. Madhya Pradesh 4737 1149 450

7 Maharashtra 813 - 1000

8. Goa - - -

9. Delhi 390 500 -
10. Himachal Pradesh 2605 - -
11. Harayana 1960 500 -
12. Punjab 950 200 -
13. Rajasthan 5500 250 -
14. J&K 1240 100 -
15. Andhra Pradesh 2725 120 -
16. Tamil Nadu 5730 300 -
17. Kerala 10015 - 40
18. Karnataka 2750 2928 225
19. Pondicherry 600 - -
10. A& N Island - - -
21. Orissa 3350 1082 -
22. Bihar - - -
23. West Bengal 12363 120 -
24. Tripura 1844 209 350
25. Assam 3804 - 150
26. Arunachal Pradesh 285 100 -
27. Nagaland 670 - -
28. Manipur 260 - -
29. Mizoram 210 - -
30. Meghalaya 200 - -
31. Sikkim - 550 -

Total:- 75533 18799 14631